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Re: FOIA Request No. F-00159-16
Final Response

Dear Mr. Mirza:

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) regrets the delay in responding to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Unfortunately, USAID is experiencing a backlog of FOIA requests. Please know that USAID management is very committed to providing responses to FOIA requests and remedying the FOIA backlog.

This is the final response to your March 10, 2016 FOIA request to the USAID. You requested, "a copy of all program reports, performance analysis, and any other reporting concerning the following programs:

AFGHANISTAN TRADE AND REVENUE PROJECT (ATAR)
PERFORMANCE-BASED GOVERNANCE FUND (PBGF)."

For your information, Congress excluded three (3) discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all of our requesters and should not be construed as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

USAID conducted a comprehensive search of the Bureau for Asia (ASIA) for documents responsive to your request. The search produced a total of 1383 pages. Of those pages, we have determined that 1364 pages of the records are releasable in their entirety, and 19 pages are partially releasable pursuant to Title 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6).

FOIA Exemption 6 exempts from disclosure information about individuals in personnel or medical files and similar files the release of which would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This requires a balancing of the public's right to disclosure against the individual's right to privacy. The privacy interests of the individuals in the records you have requested outweigh any minimal public interest in disclosure of the information. Any private interest you may have in that information does not factor into the aforementioned balancing test. Within the records we withheld names, emails, and phone numbers.

If you require any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact Adam Abdi the assigned FOIA Specialist by phone on (202) 712-4769 or at aabdi@usaid.gov. You may also contact USAID's FOIA Public Liaison, Christopher Colbow, at foia@usaid.gov.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services offered:

Office of Government Information Services
National Records and Archives Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, Maryland 20740-6001
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
Telephone: (202) 741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448
Fax: (202) 741-5769

You have the right to appeal this final response. Your appeal must be received by USAID no later than 90 days from the date of this letter. In order for it to be considered an official appeal, please address and send directly to the FOIA Appeal Officer:

Director, Office of Management Services
U.S. Agency for International Development
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Ronald Reagan Building, Room 2.12.010
Washington, DC 20523

If you wish to fax your appeal, the fax number is (202) 216-3369. Both the appeal and envelope should be marked "**FOIA APPEAL**." Please include your tracking number F-00159-16 in your letter.

There is no charge for this FOIA request. As this concludes the processing of your request, it will be closed.

Thank you for your interest in USAID and continued patience.

Sincerely,

Adam Abdi

For : Christopher Colbow, Chief
FOIA Public Liaison Officer
FOIA Officer/Agency Records Officer
Bureau for Management
Office of Management Services
Information and Records Division

Enclosures: Responsive Records (1383 pages)